

March 2008

Director's Corner...

March is here. Winter is almost over. Soon we will be hearing the birds singing and see the trees budding. Flowers are beginning to grow and the grass will soon turn green. It also signifies the time of year for new life and new beginnings.

I wish everyone a "Happy St. Patrick's Day" and a "Happy Easter." This year both days are celebrated during the same week. We also have 3 special luncheons during this week at the center. So please check the menu or the newsletter so you don't miss out.

Tax assistance will continue through April 15. In order for most elderly to obtain the rebate offered through the Federal government you must file an income tax return, even if you ordinarily do not file. This means you must have the proper documentation (1099 SSA form from Social Security, 1099's from pension, IRA, or 401K distributions, 1099 from interest or dividends).

Susan Saccoccia Olsen from Blue Chip will be at the center on Thursday, March 6 at 10:30 with updates. If you are a Blue Chip member, please make every effort to attend.

On Tuesday, March 11 at 10 a.m. I will hold a planning meeting for our 30th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Friday, April 18. All who are interested are welcome to attend to help plan and share your ideas. Refreshments will be served.

A local CVS Pharmacist will be with us on Thursday, March 13 at 10:30 for a "Pack Your Bag: Medication Consultation. This is a great time for you to have your medications checked and ask questions about possible interactions and/or side affects.

A Duncan Hearing Healthcare associate will be with us on Thursday, March 27 for free hearing screenings. Please call or stop by the office for an appointment. Appointments are necessary.

TV viewers who get their programming over an antenna and are not connected to cable or satellite will need a converter box when full-power broadcast stations begin transmitting digital-only signals in February 2009. A coupon program has been set up through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration agency to help subsidize converter box costs.

Consumers will have 90 days to redeem their coupons, which will look like plastic gift cards, or they will expire and you will not be able to get another one. Consumers may obtain 2 coupons per household by calling the 24 hour hot line at 1-888-388-2009, by internet at <http://www.dtv2009>. They can also fax a coupon application to 1-877-388-4632 or mail one to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208-2000.



Happy March



Janice